

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Gurzo on 1/11/07.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

On page 1, line 1, insert "Technical Field."

On page 1, line 5, insert "Background."

On page 2, line 12, insert "Summary."

On page 5, line 20, insert:

"Brief Description of the Drawings

The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, show certain aspects of the present invention and, together with the description, help explain some of the principles associated with the invention. In the drawings,

FIG. 1 illustrates a stream of data consistent with the present invention;

FIG. 2 illustrates a frame memory consistent with the present invention;

FIG. 3 illustrates frame buffers used for switching data consistent with the present invention;

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FIG. 4 illustrates data streams for each frame consistent with the present invention;

FIG. 5 illustrates a relationship between an input stream and an output stream consistent with the present invention;

FIG. 6 illustrates input and output signals consistent with the present invention.

FIG. 7 illustrates phase variation margins consistent with the present invention;

FIG. 8 illustrates a buffer sequencing apparatus consistent with the present invention;

FIG. 9 illustrates the operation of a state machine consistent with the present invention; and

FIG. 10 illustrates a switch for receiving and transmitting data consistent with the present invention.

Detailed Description"

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-3130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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